

TEN BY WILD BEASTS.

Kutel Attempts to Fondle a Wild Boar with Very Bad Results.

Alphonse Strausburger Tries to Dress a Vicious Baboon in Soldier Clothes.

HE FEARFUL OF BLOOD POISONING.

Is Under Surgical Care at Bellevue Hospital, and Strausburger May Try Treatment at the Pasteur Institute.

Alphonse Kutel may possibly lose his life because of his desire to fondle a wild boar in a museum on East Fourteenth street. He is twenty-five years old and lives at 334 East Seventy-third street. Yesterday his friends say, he was not quite himself. As he entered the museum his eyes were on the boar, and he thought it was the loveliest animal he had ever seen. It was in a big cage, the front of which was marked "Danger," but that didn't deter Kutel a bit. Before anybody knew



This Wild Beast Bit a Man.

The victim is in Bellevue Hospital, and may have blood poisoning, because he tried to fondle a museum attraction in the shape of a wild pig. (Sketches by a Journal Staff Artist.)

What he was doing he had rushed up to the cage, inserted his right hand and was stroking the ferocious beast.

It didn't last long. The wild boar turned its wicked eyes on the fresh young man and then sank his three-and-a-half-inch tusks into the thick of his hand. Kutel withdrew the member with a scream, and in a moment the sightseers about him were in a panic. The keeper advised that Kutel be sent to a hospital at once, and an ambulance was rung for from Bellevue.

The doctors acted promptly. The wound was cauterized and dressed with carbolic oil. It is feared blood poisoning may result, as the bite of this animal is no joke.

The boar is the American peccary. It is a long, lean, quite different from the domestic hog, and a mere tubercle in place of a tail. The fore feet are four-toed, and the hind ones three-toed. The ears are very small. The animal is three feet four inches long, short, and more compact than the domestic hog.

At the same habits of war as the domestic animal. When attacked by man they form in a circle, noses outward, with the young in the center. They will fight any animal that attacks them, and make short work of the strongest dogs. They live in holes in trees, and are very shy. Their cavity that affords shelter. When taken young they are not hard to domesticate, but will not breed with the common hog. The animal is slightly different form, is found in South America, and is very ferocious when attacked. This peccary is called the caracal.

At the hospital last night it was said Kutel was feverish, but that it was too early to predict the result of the bite. It is feared blood poisoning may result, as the bite of this animal is no joke.

He has to wear soldier clothes, which he likes not at all. Yesterday when the trainer, M. Strausburger, was dressing him the baboon reached out and grabbed him by the right hand, severing an artery and causing the blood to flow so freely that the attendants were scared. They sent quickly for Dr. Arnold Sturmdorf, of No. 24 East Fourteenth street, and the baboon was dressed.

In this case also blood poisoning is feared. Strausburger, who was with the baboon before, but never by this particular breed of monkey. He is very much alarmed, and may go to the Pasteur Institute to try Dr. Gibber's mud-dog treatment.

GORDON IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

The Alleged Firebug Denies the Testimony of Milch and Glueckman.

The trial of Louis Gordon for arson was resumed in the temporary quarters assigned to Part IV. of the General Sessions yesterday. The room has the appearance of a backwoods court. Judge Fitzgerald sat upon a roughly constructed bench, and Assistant District Attorney Davis used one of the old tables, formerly the property of the Street Cleaning Department.

Gordon, in his own behalf, denied the testimony of Milch and Glueckman, the firebugs, who have been named in the indictment, and also questioned the allegations as set forth by the prosecution. In the cross-examination Mr. Davis promises a surprise. It is believed that the most damaging facts yet adduced will be brought out by the prosecution when the witnesses in rebuttal are called.

NEW BRIDGE TO BROOKLYN.

President Howell's Plan for Trolley and Elevated Railroad Traffic.

President Howell, of the Brooklyn Bridge corporation, made a statement yesterday in reference to the bridge. He said the structure could not safely stand any greater strain than it is now subjected to. In favor of the construction of another steel bridge alongside of the old one, said Mr. Howell. "This bridge can be used exclusively for trolley and elevated railroad traffic. We could build such a bridge for about \$600,000.

If such a bridge were erected it would enable the trolley and elevated road to run cars from any part of Brooklyn across the bridge to New York, enabling people to travel between the two cities without change of cars. Brooklyn needs more bridges and must have them, and the sooner we start with them the better."

Firemen for Customs Service.

The United States Civil Service Commission has ordered that examination be held by its local board in this city on Tuesday, January 28, commencing at 9:30 a. m., for the grade of fireman in the customs service. Only citizens of the United States are eligible. The examination is open to all reputable citizens of the United States who desire to enter the service, without regard to race or to their political or religious affiliations.

Brodie Visits the Mayor.

Steve Brodie called at the City Hall yesterday and requested the Mayor to be present at his saloon on the Bowery next Wednesday and give the signal to two peccaries who are going to start from there on a trip around the world. The Mayor refused to comply with Brodie's wish, and the latter left the office disgraced.

TROLLEY CAR DANGERS.

Mayor Wurster Says It Is Imperative That They Be Reduced to a Minimum in Brooklyn.

Mayor Wurster's first message was read before the Brooklyn Common Council yesterday. It is mainly a resume of department reports for the past year. The Mayor calls attention to these facts:

"That Brooklyn's gross debt is \$57,728,521 and its property value \$563,957,132. The city has 100 schools, nearly 100 fire engines of various kinds and more than 1,600 policemen.

The Mayor urges the early construction of the new bridge and improved pavements. The public, especially people who use vehicles and bicycles, Mayor Wurster declares, need well-paved and well-kept streets. Touching on the matter of trolley road, trolley accidents and safety tenders, the Mayor says:

"The corporations operating trolley cars in our streets should be compelled to equip these dangerous vehicles with the best life-saving device. It is the imperative duty of the city authorities to see that danger from them is reduced to a minimum. The lives of more than one hundred and thirty victims have already been sacrificed and hundreds of day passes without serious or fatal accident. The best possible ordinance on this subject is demanded, and I shall be glad to co-operate with you in securing the most admirable one. The operation of trolley cars in crowded streets at a high rate of speed must be prevented.

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EMBRACED A POLICEMAN.

Mrs. Sachs Held Patrolman Schattenkirk Until Her Husband Got Away.

She Had a Temporary Success, Was Arrested with Her Mate, but Her Tale Won Her Release.

MAGISTRATE JUDGES HIS TENANT.

The Beard of Patrolman Smith Twice Caused the Arrest of Albert Buske. Devices of Police in Catching Excise Law Violators.

Patrolman Schattenkirk is not the handsomest policeman in New York, yet Mrs. Bertha Sachs, who is not the least comely of her sex, embraced him. She put her strong arms about his waist and clung tightly, while he struggled to evade the caressing clasp. Charges will not be preferred against Schattenkirk. It is in evidence that he had only sold the whiskey when Smith said he was nearly dead from cold, the Magistrate remarked.

"A good Samaritan on a cash basis. He was in pursuit of Mrs. Sachs's husband, who keeps a saloon at No. 400 Tenth avenue. Schattenkirk told Magistrate Flammner, in Jefferson Market Court, that he had bought whiskey on Sunday in that saloon, and when he told Sachs that he was a policeman the saloon keeper ran away. Schattenkirk said he tried to follow, but Mrs. Sachs was strong, and before he could escape from her enclinging arms Sachs was locked in an upstairs room.

Later husband and wife were arrested. The wife said she held the policeman because he had a big revolver in his hand, and she had no fancy for widowhood. She was discharged, but her husband was held for trial.

When Patrolman Smith, of the Charles Street Station, arrested Saloon Keeper A. Buske, of No. 105 Christopher street, the policeman's beard was bushy and unkempt. No saloon keeper would ever suspect a bearded man or one wearing patent leather shoes of being a policeman. Smith caught Buske in the act of selling whiskey, and released him Friday. Saturday Smith had his beard trimmed to a Van Dyke, and Sunday he bought two drinks in Buske's saloon.

Magistrate Flammner condemned Smith's sacrifice of whiskers, but when Buske pleaded that he had only sold the whiskey when Smith said he was nearly dead from cold, the Magistrate remarked:

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